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闲聊破冰：一集拿走 64 个地道职场表达

BBC Office English 第 22 集（新一季开篇）。从天气四连句到雷区地图，64 个关键表达与视频精讲完全对应，全部来自对话原文，附中英对照台词。

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视频会议等人的三十秒、茶水间碰到不熟的同学、电梯里遇到大老板——职场里最考验英语的，往往不是开会汇报，而是这些「没话找话」的时刻。系列三开篇，Phil 和 Pippa 把 small talk 讲成了说明书：聊什么（天气四连句、周末、通勤）、何时用（会前、茶水间、下班道别）、避什么（私事、政治、钱）。64 个关键表达全部来自对话原文，按「话题—时机—雷区」分好组；闲聊不是浪费时间，是让所有人舒服的职场基础设施。

01 精选深讲

1. small talk · 闲聊 —— 本集题眼。Phil 的定义：*"those conversations that you have that are about things you don't think they're that important, but it's like being friendly"*（聊那些你觉得不重要的琐事——但它像是一种友好姿态）。它不是废话，而是社交润滑剂：*"it doesn't feel awkward when you meet someone"*（让你见人不尴尬）。本集讲全了它的用法：聊什么（天气/周末/通勤）、何时用（会前/茶水间/一天始末）、避什么（私事/政治/钱）。动词搭配是 make small talk。别按字面理解成「说小话」——那是 gossip（八卦）；small 与 deep conversation（深入长谈）相对。

2. a stereotype · 刻板印象 —— Phil 聊英国人爱谈天气：*"this is the stereotype about people in Britain... and it's a stereotype, but I think it might be true"*（这是关于英国人的刻板印象——确实是，但我觉得可能是真的）。stereotype 指对一类人的简化固化认知；像本集这样自我调侃也很常见。职场跨文化沟通高频：avoid stereotypes（避免刻板印象）、break the stereotype（打破刻板印象）。发音重音在首音节；动词常配 reinforce（强化）而非 make。

3. coping with · 扛住、应付 —— 本集聊坏天气的句式：*"how are you coping with the heat?"*（这高温你还扛得住吗？）Pippa 拆了语用：*"how are you coping implies that it's kind of bad and stressful"*——所以它是「共苦」式寒暄，比 how's the weather 温度感强得多。cope 是不及物动词，必须带 with；与 deal with 几乎同义，但 cope with 强调「撑住、承受」。问 How are you coping? 天然预设「事情不容易」，拿它问顺境反而奇怪。

4. it's been manic · 忙疯了 —— 茶水间闲聊的评论式开场：*"oh, it's been manic today, hasn't it?"*——Pippa 注解：*"That means it's been really busy"*。manic 本义「狂躁的」，口语引申为「疯狂忙碌」，比 busy 生动十倍，自带自嘲。注意它是评论不是提问——Phil 说闲聊 *"we don't just ask questions. Sometimes you're just making observations"*（有时只是做观察式评论），评论+反问（hasn't it?）=邀请对方接话的完整闭环。正式报告换 extremely busy。

5. keep the conversation flowing · 让对话流动 —— Pippa 总结闲聊宗旨：*"the idea with small talk is to keep the conversation flowing, to be polite and friendly"*——所以政治、争议话题不能用：*"you can't really do that if you end up in a political debate"*（陷进政治辩论就流动不起来了）。flow 的画面是对话像水一样不断流；反向是 sit in silence（沉默枯坐）。语法：keep 后接名词或 -ing，keep the conversation flow ✗。闲聊话题是燃料，让对话 flowing 才是目标。

02 一、开场：闲聊是什么

词条	中文释义	原文例句
small talk	闲聊（本集题眼）	"Do you ever use small talk at work?"
talk about the weather	聊天气	"I might talk about the weather"
a good topic	好话题	"That's always a good topic."
someone I know a bit	有点认识的人	"just someone I know a bit"
plans for the weekend	周末计划	"you've got any plans for the weekend"
when to use it	什么时候用	"when to use it, and what to talk about"
a transcript for this episode	本期文稿	"a transcript for this episode on our website"

03 二、刻板印象：英国人聊天气

词条	中文释义	原文例句
being friendly	友好姿态	"it's like being friendly"
have a chat	聊上几句	"you have a chat at the start of the workday"
interacting with	打交道	"you're interacting with lots of different people"
feel awkward	觉得尴尬	"it doesn't feel awkward when you meet someone"
when to use small talk at work	职场何时闲聊	"when to use small talk at work"
topics to avoid	该回避的话题	"some topics to avoid at work"
introduce them naturally	自然地引入	"introduce them naturally into a conversation?"
a stereotype	刻板印象	"this is the stereotype about people in Britain"
obsessed with it	为之着迷	"we're kind of obsessed with it"

04 三、聊天气的四种句式

词条	中文释义	原文例句
are you enjoying the good weather	好天气享受着呢	"are you enjoying the good weather?"
coping with the heat	扛得住高温	"how are you coping with the heat?"
kind of bad and stressful	有点糟、有点熬人	"implies that it's kind of bad and stressful"
rhetorical questions	反问	"put little rhetorical questions in there"
cold, isn't it?	挺冷的哈?	"sort of like 'cold, isn't it?'"
a different part of the country	同一个国家的不同地区	"in a different part of the country to you"
is it raining where you are	你那边下雨了吗	"oh is it raining where you are?"
It's been horrible here today	今天糟透了	"It's been horrible here today"
up to anything nice at the weekend	周末有什么好安排	"up to anything nice at the weekend?"
get up to at the weekend	周末干嘛去了	"what did you get up to at the weekend?"
a perfect piece of small talk	一小段完美的闲聊	"That's a perfect piece of small talk there."
interested in sports	对体育感兴趣	"if they're interested in sports"
your commute to work	你的通勤	"your commute to work"
a topic of conversation	话题	"that's often a topic of conversation"

05 四、周末计划与通勤

词条	中文释义	原文例句
anything that you know about the person	你已知的关于对方的事	"anything that you know about the person"
a general question	一般性问题	"ask sort of a general question about that"
get to know people better	跟人熟起来	"As you get to know people better"
small talk is a thing	闲聊是存在的	"small talk is a thing"
a big, deep conversation	深入长谈	"get into a big, deep conversation"
Quite grey today, isn't it?	今天挺阴的，哈?	"Quite grey today, isn't it?"

06 五、熟人之间也要闲聊

词条	中文释义	原文例句
a few points in the day	一天中的几个时点	"a few points in the day where it would be normal"
the start of a meeting	会议开始前	"one example is the start of a meeting"

07 六、何时闲聊：会前、茶水间

词条	中文释义	原文例句
waiting for everyone to join	等人到齐	"waiting for everyone to join"
sit in silence	沉默地坐着	"if you sit in silence, it's just a bit odd"
in person	当面	"You would also do this probably in person"
saying goodbye	道别	"or you're just saying goodbye"
good weekend?	周末过得好?	"oh, good weekend?"
plans for the evening	今晚的安排	"do you have any plans for the evening?"
in the kitchen at work	公司茶水间	"in the kitchen at work"
pop to the kitchen	去茶水间一趟	"if you pop to the kitchen to make a coffee"
it's been manic today	今天忙疯了	"oh, it's been manic today, hasn't it?"
how's your day going?	今天过得怎么样?	"how's your day going?"
making observations	做观察式评论	"sometimes you're just making observations"
create a connection	建立连接	"you're trying to create a connection there"

08 七、该回避的话题：私事、政治

词条	中文释义	原文例句
generally avoid	通常回避	"topics that we should generally avoid"
not that direct	不那么直接	"we're not that direct with people"
anything too personal	太私人的问题	"wouldn't ask anything too personal"
deep, searching questions	深入盘查式的问题	"deep, searching questions in small talk"
personal questions about them	关于他们的私人问题	"lots of personal questions about them"
controversial topics	争议性话题	"politics or controversial topics"
personal political views	个人政治观点	"discuss our personal political views"
keep the conversation flowing	让对话流动	"keep the conversation flowing"

09 八、钱与收尾

词条	中文释义	原文例句
a political debate	政治辩论	"end up in a bit of a political debate"
a big disagreement	大的分歧	"there could be a big disagreement"
the final topic	最后一个话题	"the final topic that we generally avoid"
how much somebody earns	挣多少钱	"how much somebody earns"
how much they spend	花多少钱	"how much they spend on things"
a bit impolite	有点失礼	"seen as a bit impolite"

10 扩展表达（未入选核心清单，但同样值得收）

词条	中文释义
a good topic	好话题
introduced to new people	被介绍认识新朋友
at the start of the workday	工作日开始时
feel awkward	觉得尴尬
when to use it	什么时候用
naturally into a conversation	自然地引入对话
the weekend soon	快到周末了
ask sort of a general question	问个一般性问题
going to be a bit odd	会有点怪
in the notes for this programme	本期节目说明里

11 串词成段

64 个词放回周一的早晨，是这样的：

Monday, 8:57 a.m. You join the video call early — just you and one colleague, **waiting for everyone to join**. **Sit in silence** and it gets weird fast, so you open with the national sport: "**Quite grey today, isn't it?**" She laughs: "**It's horrible.**" Weather is the classic **small talk** opener — "**are you enjoying the good weather?**" if it's sunny, "**how are you coping with the heat**?" if it's not — and **little rhetorical questions** keep it rolling. Then the bridge to business-adjacent: "**are you up to anything nice at the weekend?**" — or, if Monday, "what did you **get up to**?" If she's remote: "**is it raining where you are? It's been horrible here today.**" In the kitchen at noon, skip the questions and just **make an observation**: "**it's been manic today, hasn't it?**" — you're **creating a connection**, not interrogating. And mind the map of **topics to avoid**: nothing **too personal**, no politics — a **political debate** is the fastest way to kill the vibe — and never money; asking **how much somebody earns** is seen as **a bit impolite**. Two minutes of nothing-important, and the meeting starts with two people who are no longer strangers. That's the quiet magic of **small talk**.

参考译文：周一早上 8 点 57，你提前进了视频会——屋里只有你和一位同事，正「等大家到齐」。沉默枯坐很快就变尴尬，于是你用国民运动开场：「今天挺阴的，哈？」她笑了：「糟透了。」天气是经典闲聊开场——晴天就问「好天气享受着呢？」，坏天就问「这高温你还扛得住？」——再加上小小的反问，话就滚起来了。然后桥接到半正题：「周末有什么好安排吗？」——如果今天是周一，就问「周末干嘛去了？」如果她在远程：「你那边下雨了吗？我们这边今天糟透了。」中午在茶水间，把提问换成观察式评论：「今天忙疯了吧？」——你是在建立连接，不是在查户口。同时心里记着「该回避的话题」地图：不问太私人的事，不碰政治——一场政治辩论是杀死气氛的最快方式——钱更是永远别提；问「别人挣多少钱」会被视为有点失礼。两分钟「不重要的话」，会议开始时，屋里坐着的已经是两个不再陌生的人。这就是闲聊安静的魅力。

一句话带走

闲聊的配方：天气开路（coping with the heat / isn't it?），周末接桥（up to anything nice?），茶水间做观察（it's been manic），雷区绕行（私事、政治、钱）。目的不是聊出信息，是 keep the conversation flowing。

▼ 完整台词（中英对照）

Pippa: Do you ever use small talk at work?	工作中你会用闲聊吗?
Beth: I might talk about the weather.	我可能会聊天气。
Beth: That's always a good topic.	那永远是个好话题。

Neil: And I would use small talk when I'm introduced to new people.

我在被介绍认识新朋友的时候会闲聊。

Neil: Or just someone I know a bit.

或者只是跟有点认识的人。

Beth: If someone is, if you're up to something after work, if you've got any plans for the weekend or if you had a good weekend if it was Monday.

如果下班后你有安排——周末有没有什么计划？或者今天要是周一，就问「周末过得好吗？」

Phil: In today's episode of Office English, we're talking about small talk, when to use it, and what to talk about.

今天的《职场英语》，我们聊闲聊（small talk）：什么时候用、聊什么。

Pippa: Hello!

你好！

Pippa: Welcome to a new series of Office English, your podcast guide to the world of work.

欢迎来到《职场英语》新一季，你的职场世界播客指南。

Pippa: I'm Pippa.

我是皮帕。

Phil: Phil.

我是菲尔。

Phil: a transcript for this episode on our website,

本期文稿可在我们的网站找到：bbclearningenglish.com。

Pippa: We heard from Neil and Beth at the start of the programme about using small talk at work.

节目开头我们听了 Neil 和 Beth 聊工作中使用闲聊。

Pippa: So, what is small talk, Phil?

菲尔，什么是闲聊？

Phil: Um, it's those conversations that you have that are about things, I guess you don't think they're that important, but it's like being friendly.

嗯，就是那些你进行的、关于一些「你觉得没那么重要的事」的对话——但它像是一种友好姿态。

Phil: You, when you see someone, maybe you know them, maybe you don't, but you have a chat at the start of the workday or when you meet someone.

你见到一个人，也许认识，也许不认识，在工作日开始时或初见时聊上几句。

Phil: Or maybe you're waiting for a bus or something and you just make small talk.

又或者你在等公交什么的，就随便闲聊两句。

Pippa: Mhm.

嗯哼。

Pippa: Yes, and we use quite a lot of small talk at work in the UK, because we usually want to be polite with people that we're working with and you're interacting with lots of different people throughout the day usually.

对，在英国职场我们用很多闲聊，因为我们想对共事的人保持礼貌，而且一天当中你通常会跟很多不同的人打交道。

Pippa: And so that's when small talk can be helpful so that it doesn't feel awkward when you meet someone.

这正是闲聊派上用场的时候——让你见到某人时不觉得尴尬。

Phil: In this episode, we'll talk about some common small talk topics as well as some topics to avoid at work.

这一集我们会聊常见的闲聊话题，以及职场里该回避的话题。

Phil: And we'll also talk about when to use small talk at work.

还会聊什么时候该用闲聊。

Pippa: So Phil, let's start with some small talk topics.

那么菲尔，我们从闲聊话题说起。

Pippa: What are good things to talk about and how would you introduce them naturally into a conversation?

聊什么好？又怎么把它们自然地引入对话？

Phil: OK, well, this is the stereotype about people in Britain, is that they always talk about the weather and it's a stereotype, but I think it might be true.

好，这就是关于英国人的刻板印象：他们永远在聊天气。它确实是刻板印象，但我觉得可能是真的。

Pippa: I think it is true.

我觉得是真的。

Pippa: We have a lot of different weather here, and we're kind of obsessed with it, I think.

我们这里的天气变化很多，我们有点为之着迷。

Pippa: So, a way that you could talk about this is, say that the weather is good, it's sunny outside.

聊法之一：天气好的时候——外面阳光明媚。

Pippa: You could ask a colleague, 'are you enjoying the good weather?' And maybe the weather's bad.

你可以问同事：are you enjoying the good weather?（好天气享受着呢？）天气也可能很坏。

Pippa: So, a good way to talk about bad weather is to say, 'how are you coping with the heat?' Or the rain or the cold.

聊坏天气的好说法是：how are you coping with the heat?（这高温你还扛得住吗？）或者雨、或者冷。

Pippa: Um, so how are you coping, um, implies that it's kind of bad and stressful.

嗯，how are you coping（你还扛得住吗）暗示着情况有点糟、有点熬人。

Phil: We often put little rhetorical questions in there as well.

我们还常在里面加小小的反问。

Phil: So, sort of like 'cold, isn't it?' Or 'hot, isn't it?'

比如：cold, isn't it?（挺冷的哈？）或者 hot, isn't it?（挺热的哈？）

Pippa: Mhm.

嗯哼。

Pippa: Yeah.

是啊。

Pippa: And another way that you can talk about the weather if you're talking to someone on the phone or maybe a video call and they're in a different part of the country to you, or maybe even a different country, you can say, 'oh is it raining where you are?

还有一种聊天气的方式：如果你在电话或视频里，对方跟你在同一个国家的不同地区、甚至不同国家，你可以说：oh is it raining where you are?（你那边下雨了吗？）

Pippa: It's been horrible here today'.

It's been horrible here today.（我们这边今天糟透了。）

Phil: That sounds like one of our video calls.

听起来就像我们的视频会议。

Pippa: Another topic that often comes up in small talk, or an easy one to talk about, is to talk about weekend plans or trips.

闲聊里另一个常出现、也很好聊的话题，是周末计划或出行。

Pippa: So, if it's going to be the weekend soon, you can ask someone, 'are you up to anything nice at the weekend?' Or if it's just been the weekend, you could ask, 'what did you get up to at the weekend?' Um, another way to combine weather and weekend is to say, 'did you manage to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend?' if it was nice.

如果快到周末了，可以问：are you up to anything nice at the weekend?（周末有什么好安排吗？）如果周末刚过，可以问：what did you get up to at the weekend?（周末干嘛去了？）还可以把天气和周末合起来说：did you manage to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend?（周末享受到阳光了吗？）——如果天气不错的话。

Phil: That's a perfect piece of small talk there.

这就是一小段完美的闲聊。

Phil: And there might be other things that you talk about.

还可能聊别的。

Phil: People often find, um, if they're interested in sports, they often talk about that with someone.

大家会发现，如果对体育感兴趣，常会跟人聊这个。

Phil: Um, your commute to work, if you work in the same place, that's often a topic of conversation, and particularly if something's gone wrong, which does often happen.

你的通勤——如果你们在同一地方上班——也常是话题，尤其当通勤出了岔子的时候，而那经常发生。

Pippa: Mmm, yeah.

嗯，对。

Pippa: And other things you can talk about are anything that you know about the person.

其他可以聊的，是你已知的关于对方的事。

Pippa: So, if you know that they're interested in a particular sport or a particular activity, you could ask sort of a general question about that.

比如你知道他对某项运动、某个活动感兴趣，就可以问一个相关的一般性问题。

Pippa: As you get to know people better, you often kind of have more normal conversations with them, and you don't have to have small talk.

随着跟人熟起来，你们的对话会更「正常」，就不必闲聊了。

Pippa: But even people you know, well, small talk is a thing.

但就算是熟人，闲聊也是存在的。

Pippa: So, Phil, you and I work together every day, but we talk about the weather quite a lot anyway because it's just a normal, friendly way to talk when you don't want to get into a big, deep conversation with someone at work.

所以菲尔，你我每天共事，但我们还是常常聊天气——因为当你不想在职场展开一场深入长谈时，这就是一种正常、友好的聊天方式。

Phil: Yes, it is.

是的。

Phil: Quite grey today, isn't it?

今天挺阴的，哈?

Pippa: Hmm.

嗯。

Pippa: Yeah.

是啊。

Pippa: It's horrible.

糟透了。

Phil: OK, that's some great small talk topics, but when should we be using them?

好，闲聊话题讲了一些，但什么时候用?

Phil: We don't want to talk about the weather all day, do we?

我们总不能聊一整天天气，对吧?

Pippa: No.

不能。

Pippa: Uh, so there's a few points in the day where it would be normal to use small talk.

一天当中有几个时点，用闲聊很自然。

Pippa: So, one example is the start of a meeting.

一个例子是会议开始前。

Pippa: So, particularly on a video call, when you join a video call and you're waiting for everyone to join, there's maybe you and one or two other people.

尤其在视频会议里——你进了会议室，等人到齐，屋里可能就你跟另外一两个人。

Pippa: That's a good time to use small talk, because if you sit in silence, it's just a bit odd.

这时正适合闲聊，因为如果大家都沉默地坐着，就有点怪。

Pippa: It's a bit strange.

有点奇怪。

Pippa: You would also do this probably in person if you're waiting for someone to come to the meeting.

当面等某人进会场时，你多半也会这么做。

Phil: Yeah.

对。

Phil: And as well, as well as at the start of meetings, if you're in an office, then at the beginning or the end of the day when you're meeting someone or you're just saying goodbye, yeah, we'll often go into a bit of small talk then.

另外，除了会前，如果你在办公室，一天开始或结束时——见到人或道别时——我们也常闲聊几句。

Pippa: Yeah.

对。

Pippa: So that's where you might say something like, 'oh, good weekend?' Or 'do you have any plans for the evening?' would be a good one at the end of the day.

这时你可以说：oh, good weekend?（周末过得好？）一天结束时则可以说：do you have any plans for the evening?（今晚有安排吗？）

Pippa: Another place that we do a lot of small talk is in the kitchen at work.

我们大量闲聊的另一个地方，是公司茶水间。

Pippa: So, if you pop to the kitchen to make a coffee maybe, you're probably going to run into somebody that you know that you don't work with all the time.

如果你去茶水间泡杯咖啡，多半会碰到一个认识但不天天共事的人。

Pippa: Um, and that's where you can use your small talk.

那正是用闲聊的场合。

Pippa: So, you can ask something like, 'how's your day going?' Or sort of make a comment, say, 'oh, it's been manic today, hasn't it?' That means it's been really busy.

你可以问：how's your day going?（今天过得怎么样？）或者来句评论：oh, it's been manic today, hasn't it?（今天忙疯了吧？）——manic 的意思是特别忙。

Phil: And yes, of course, with, um, small talk, we don't just ask questions.

当然，闲聊不只是提问。

Phil: Um, sometimes you're just making observations, particularly when you think the other person is going to agree with you.

有时你只是在做 observations（观察式评论）——尤其当你觉得对方会同意的时候。

Phil: So, you're kind of, you're trying to create a connection there, in a way.

你其实是在尝试建立一种连接。

Pippa: Right.

对。

Pippa: I think we should talk about what not to talk about.

我觉得该聊聊「什么不该聊」了。

Pippa: So, are there any topics that we should generally avoid in small talk, Phil?

有哪些话题是闲聊里通常要回避的，菲尔？

Phil: OK.

好。

Phil: This is an interesting one because it will vary depending on where you are.

这个问题有意思，因为它因地而异。

Phil: But particularly in the UK, we're not that direct with people.

但尤其在英国，我们跟人说话不那么直接。

Phil: And so, we probably wouldn't ask anything too personal about people.

所以我们大概不会问太私人的问题。

Phil: If you know something about someone's family, you'll ask about kind of what you know about, but you're probably not going to ask deep, searching questions in small talk.

如果你了解对方家庭的一些情况，就围绕你已知的问；但你大概率不会在闲聊里问那种深入盘查式的问题。

Pippa: Mhm, yes.

嗯哼，对。

Pippa: For example, Phil, I know that you've got kids.

举例说，菲尔，我知道你有孩子。

Pippa: So, if we're chatting, I might ask you how your kids are or sort of say, 'how was your weekend?

所以我们聊天时，我可能会问孩子们怎么样，或者说：how was your weekend? Did you do anything nice with the kids?（周末怎么样？带孩子干什么好玩的了？）

Pippa: Did you do anything nice with the kids?' But I probably wouldn't ask you lots of personal questions about them, and particularly I wouldn't ask those during small talk at work because there'd be lots of other people around, and it's just not what you generally use for small talk.

但我大概不会问很多关于他们的私人问题——尤其不会在职场闲聊里问，因为周围会有很多人，而且那本来就不是闲聊的用途。

Pippa: Another thing that we don't generally talk about during small talk is politics or controversial topics.

闲聊里我们一般也不聊的，是政治或争议性话题。

Pippa: So, we don't tend to discuss our personal political views or opinions during small talk.

我们不会在闲聊里讨论个人的政治观点或立场。

Pippa: And the idea with small talk is to keep the conversation flowing, to be polite and friendly.

闲聊的要点是让对话流动、保持礼貌友好。

Pippa: So, you can't really do that if you end up in a bit of a political debate with someone at work.

如果你最后在办公室跟人来了场政治辩论，那基本就没法闲聊了。

Phil: Yeah, I think this is particularly the case when you don't know what someone else might think.

对，尤其当你不知道对方怎么想的时候更是如此。

Phil: So, if you think there could be a big disagreement, it's probably an area we'd usually avoid in small talk.

如果你觉得可能出现大的分歧，那通常是闲聊里会回避的领域。

Pippa: Mhm. 嗯哼。

Pippa: Yeah. 是啊。

Pippa: And the final topic that we generally avoid talking about is money. 而我们通常回避的最后一个话题是钱。

Phil: I think in Britain we're just very awkward about talking about money, aren't we? 我觉得在英国我们聊钱就是特别别扭，对吧?

Phil: So, it's not something people feel comfortable about talking in, in, in small talk. 所以闲聊里大家都不太自在聊这个。

Phil: Um, it's just not, I don't know, it's just something we don't often talk about much. 嗯，就是……我也不知道，就是我们不常聊它。

Pippa: Yeah. 对。

Pippa: So, for example, I, you wouldn't generally ask about how much somebody earns or how much they spend on things. 比如你一般不会问别人挣多少钱、花钱花在哪。

Pippa: So, Phil, if you came in and I asked you about your weekend and you told me you bought a new car, I wouldn't probably ask you how much it cost. 菲尔，如果你进门，我问你周末怎么样，你说买了辆新车——我大概不会问它多少钱。

Pippa: Um, because that would be seen as a bit impolite. 因为那会被视为有点失礼。

Pippa: That's it for this episode of Office English. 本期《职场英语》就到这里。

Pippa: We'll be back next week to talk about how to organise and lead meetings. 下周我们聊怎么组织和主持会议。

Phil: In the meantime, you can find out more about small talk with the short video series on subjects to avoid on our website. 同时，我们网站上有个「该回避的话题」短视频系列，可以了解更多闲聊技巧。

Phil: And there's a link in the notes for this programme. 本期节目的说明里有链接。

Pippa: Bye for now. 再会。

Phil: Bye. 再见。